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REF: ASUNCION 3725

1. FOREIGN MINISTER NOGUES TODAY PROVIDED ME WITH A COPY OF
THE NOTE PARAGUAYAN AMBASSADOR LOPEZ ESCOBAR WAS INSTRUCTED TO
SEND TO OAS YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. TEXT OF UNDATED NOTE IN FREE
TRANSLATION FOLLOWS:

QUOTE
HIS EXCELLENCY
ANDRES AGUILAR
PRESIDENT OF THE INTERAMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES
WASHINGTON, D.C.

MR. PRESIDENT:

ON THE 10TH OF AUGUST, 1977 I HAD THE HONOR OF PERSONALLY
DELIVERING TO YOUR EXCELLENCY A DOCUMENT WHICH CONTAINS THE
"OBSERVATIONS" OF MY COUNTRY'S GOVERNMENT ON THE "REPORT OF
THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN PARAGUAY" PREPARED BY THE COMMISSION
WHICH YOU HEAD.

ON THAT OCCASION I EXPRESSED TO YOUR EXCELLENCY THAT
THE PARAGUAYAN GOVERNMENT, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT FUNDAMENTAL
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REASONS OF ITS OWN FOREIGN POLICY ON THE ONE HAND, AND IN
ADDITION, THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT THE COUNTRY WAS IN THE PROCESS
OF PREPARING FOR INTERNAL GENERAL ELECTIONS, PREFERRED THAT THE
COMMISSION NOT MAKE THE VISIT FOR WHICH IT HAD REQUESTED
OFFICIAL CONSENT LAST FEBRUARY 4.

FURTHER TO MY NOTE OF AUGUST 9, 1977 I NOW WISH TO EXPRESS
TO YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, THAT IT IS MY EXPECTATION THAT WHEN THE

COMMISSION STUDIES OUR "OBSERVATIONS" IT WILL NO LONGER CONSIDER
A VISIT TO PARAGUAY TO BE NECESSARY. NEVERTHELESS, IF THE
COMMISSION SHOULD NOT AGREE WITH THIS JUDGEMENT WHICH WE CONSIDER
REASONABLE, THE PARAGUAYAN GOVERNMENT IS DISPOSED TO RECEIVE
A VISIT BY THE COMMISSION ON A DATE TO BE SELECTED BY COMMON
ACCORD.

(COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE)

- SIGNED -

ALBERTO NOGUES
MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS
OF PARAGUAY
UNQUOTE.

2. BY LAST SENTENCE OF FINAL PARAGRAPH ABOVE GOP HAS NOW
PLACED ITSELF ON RECORD WITH IAHRC AS NOT BEING OPPOSED TO AN
EVENTUAL IAHRC VISIT TO PARAGUAY.

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